

REMARKS

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103 or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Claims 8 and 33 and amended claims 7, 25, and 32 are in the application. Claims 1-6, 9-24, 26-31, and 34-42 have been canceled. The Applicants preserve their right to file one or more continuation or divisional applications directed to any or all of the canceled claims.

Claims 1-6, 9-24, 26-31, and 34-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Davis et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,611,607 B1). As previously indicated, claims 1-6, 9-24, 26-31, and 34-42 have been canceled.

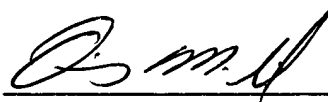
In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 7, 8, 25, 32, and 33 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 7, 25, and 32 have been rewritten herein to include the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 7, 25, and 32, as well as dependent claims 8 and 33 which depend from one of claims 7 and 32, are believed to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing, since all of the claims in the present application have been indicated to be allowable, an early official notice to that effect is solicited.

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